

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of the claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A printing system that prints an image according to inputted image data supplied by a consumer, said printing system comprising:

an evaluating device that performs evaluation of a quality of the image to be printed according to the inputted image data and automatically corrects at least one of white balance or brightness of the image; and

a compensating device for automatically compensating the input image data according to the evaluation performed by the evaluation device;

a displaying device that displays on a screen shot a an evaluation result of the evaluation on said evaluating device; and

a printer printing the automatically corrected image.

2. (Original) The printing system as defined in claim 1, wherein said evaluating device comprises:

a calculating device that calculates at least one of a gradation compensation amount and a color compensation amount according to the inputted image data; and

a device that evaluates the quality of the image according to the compensation amount calculated by said calculating device.

3. (Original) The printing system as defined in claim 2, ~~further comprising a~~
wherein the compensating device ~~that~~ produces new image data for printing from the
inputted image data according to the compensation amount calculated by said
calculating device.

4. (Currently Amended) The printing system as defined in claim 3, further
comprising:

a determining device that determines whether or not the compensation amount
calculated by said calculating device exceeds a compensation limit; and

a warning device that warns that the image can not be finely printed if said
determining device determines that the compensation amount exceeds the
compensation limit.

5. (Currently Amended) The printing system as defined in claim 4, further
comprising a prohibiting device that automatically prohibits the printing if said
determining device determines that the compensation amount exceeds the
compensation limit.

6. (Currently Amended) The printing system as defined in claim 4, further
comprising a selecting device in which a ~~user~~ consumer manually selects whether to

permit or prohibit the printing if said determining device determines that the compensation amount exceeds the compensation limit.

7. (New) A printing kiosk in a public location for selling images, according to inputted image data supplied by a consumer, said printing kiosk comprising:

an evaluating device that performs evaluation of a quality of the image to be printed from the kiosk according to the inputted image data and automatically corrects at least one of white balance or brightness of the image;

a compensating device for automatically compensating the input image data according to the evaluation performed by the evaluation device;

a displaying device that displays on a single screen shot on the kiosk an evaluation result on said evaluating device;

a payment device enabling direct and immediate payment of the image to be printed from the kiosk; and

a printer printing the automatically corrected image.

8. (New) The printing kiosk as defined in claim 7, wherein said evaluating device comprises:

a calculating device that calculates at least one of a gradation compensation amount and a color compensation amount according to the inputted image data; and

a device that evaluates the quality of the image according to the compensation amount calculated by said calculating device.

9. (New) The printing kiosk as defined in claim 8, wherein the compensating device produces new image data for printing from the inputted image data according to the compensation amount calculated by said calculating device.

10. (New) The printing kiosk as defined in claim 9, further comprising:
a determining device that determines whether or not the compensation amount calculated by said calculating device exceeds a compensation limit; and
a warning device that warns that the image can not be finely printed if said determining device determines that the compensation amount exceeds the compensation limit.

11. (New) The printing kiosk as defined in claim 10, further comprising a prohibiting device that automatically prohibits the printing if said determining device determines that the compensation amount exceeds the compensation limit.

12. (New) The printing kiosk as defined in claim 10, further comprising a selecting device in which a consumer manually selects whether to permit or prohibit the printing if said determining device determines that the compensation amount exceeds the compensation limit.

13. (New) The printing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the inputted image data supplied by a consumer is performed by scanning an original image with a scanning device.

14. (New) The printing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the image that is automatically corrected of at least one of white balance or brightness is an underexposed or overexposed image.

15. (New) The printing kiosk as defined in claim 7, wherein the inputted image data supplied by a consumer is performed by scanning an original image with a scanning device.

16. (New) The printing kiosk as defined in claim 7, wherein the image that is automatically corrected of at least one of white balance or brightness is an underexposed or overexposed image.

17. (New) A method of selling photo printing services from a photofinishing kiosk comprising:

scanning an original image with a scanning device to process one or more images for printing;

evaluating the one or more images to be printed and automatically correcting at least one of white balance or brightness of the image;

automatically correcting, without the consumer's decision, at least one of white balance or brightness of the images for printing; and

facilitating consumer payment for the printing services based on the number images to be printed.